



# Egremont News

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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in their community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter.

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**EGREMONT ON PARADE: Sunday, July 24, 2011 French Park, North Egremont, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
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**If you have an email address and you would like to receive this Newsletter in that manner please let us know. If you can access our web page and would prefer to read the newsletter there please let us know. We would like to be able to cut down on expenses of printing this newsletter if possible. Lowering the number of printed copies and the number of copies to be mailed would help us to do that.**

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:

Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 7pm at the Mt. Everett High School. Deadline for warrant articles is March 15. The warrant will be available to the public no later than April 19.

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:

Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 10am to 7pm at the North Egremont Fire Station. The following offices will be voted on:

- One Moderator for one year,
- One Town Clerk for one year,
- One Selectman for three years,
- One Library Trustee for three years,
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years,
- One member of the Planning Board for one year,
- One member of the Planning Board for five years,
- One Tree Warden for one year,
- One Assessor for three years,
- One Water Commissioner for one year,
- One Water Commissioner for three years.

Nomination papers are available at the Town Hall. Absentee ballots may be obtained by making a written request to the Town Clerk's office.

## Board of Selectmen:

Will winter ever end? Well, the days are getting longer, so spring has to pop up soon. Officially it is a month away, but you wouldn't know it by the mounds of snow. Our Highway Department has done an excellent job keeping our roads clear and they all deserve our thanks. The Selectboard recently promoted Tim Hozier to Highway Superintendent and he managed the last two snow storms admirably. The Selectboard also welcomes our Highway Department's most recent hire, Lanny Broderick. The department will certainly have their hands full with the coming Spring thaw. Please let them know of any issues caused by this rough winter season.

It is election season and nomination papers are available. We welcome new faces that are interested in serving our community. The papers can be picked up at Town Hall and are due in by March 22nd.

The Egremont on Parade Committee is hard at work planning for the summer event. Want to help? Volunteers are always welcome, just give Ellen Shaby a call at 528-1123. The more hands the better.

A Memorial Day Parade Committee needs to be formed. Last year's parade was well received and many look forward to the coming year's event. Just call Town Hall for more info, at 528-0182!

The Selectboard will be holding its spring Saturday Selectman's Meeting on April 16th, at 10am in the North Egremont Fire Station. We hold this twice a year for those unable to attend a Tuesday evening meeting and for our second-home owners to have an opportunity to participate. The annual warrant will be available by then and it is a good opportunity to discuss future plans.

On the warrant will be the second vote to join WiredWest. Great Barrington recently passed their first vote with an overwhelming majority in favor. Bringing broadband to Egremont is the number one issue brought

up to the Selectboard and we hope that this opportunity will bring it to fruition.

Think tulips, make garden plans and plan for springtime. We all deserve a break by now!

**Dog/Cat Rabies Clinic:**

William Weigle announces the 2011 Rabies Clinic:

First Congregational Church, 34 Main Street, South Egremont.

Saturday, March 12, 2011

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Cost \$10 per animal

Sponsored by Dr. Marge Gulick, DVM and First Congregational Church.

**Eco-Tip:**

Letter envelopes with cellophane windows ARE recyclable. No need to remove the window.

**Animal Control Officer:**

Needed - ropes of all sizes for catching animals and livestock. Dog and Cat crates of all sizes. You can drop at Town Hall.

Please be aware that if I trap animals on your property or in your house I have to release them back on to the property. If you want wildlife removed to another location you need to contact a private wildlife control officer. See the business listings in this newsletter for at least one local person.

Please be reminded that Egremont has a dog restraining order. Dogs must be kept on leash at all times if not on your property.

**Water Department:**

One of the seemingly endless mandates imposed upon us by the DEP was to have our two 100,000 gallon clear wells inspected, photographed and cleaned by a certified cold water diver. One estimate put the cost at between \$5,000 and \$7,000. However, thanks to the good working relationship between the former owner of the EWD and Jim Olmsted, our plant operator, we were able to have this inspection done for only \$550. Many thanks, Jim. This inspection was done in 2009 and will not need to be repeated for some years.

The bad news from our department is that we are losing a tremendous amount of treated water due to multiple leaks throughout the system. Leak detection efforts are ongoing, both by a MRWA

(Mass. Rural Water Association) expert and by Jim Olmsted. Every leak we have been able to locate has been fixed, but our outflow numbers remain very, very high. Until the heavy and deep snow pack melts we can only do a limited amount of "listening for leaks". We are planning a system-wide and systematic effort beginning this spring which will involve service shutoffs not lasting more than 30 minutes. Users may expect roily or colored water which will clear if taps are allowed to run for a few minutes. We sincerely apologize for these interruptions/inconveniences and thank our customers for their forbearance.

Comments and suggestions are welcome at any time by customers and residents alike. Feel free to contact Jim, Jack, or one of the commissioners. Our email address is: [egrwater@live.com](mailto:egrwater@live.com)

**Eco-inspiration:**

What if solar got the same subsidies as fossil fuels?

The average homeowner pays about \$100.00/year in subsidies to fossil fuels.

The average homeowner pays \$1.50/year in subsidies to solar power.

Solar energy is cheaper than grid power in 14% of states.

IF THE SUBSIDY AMOUNTS WERE REVERSED, SOLAR ENERGY WOULD BE CHEAPER THAN GRID POWER IN 100% OF STATES.

**Conservation Commission:**

We still have a vacancy on the Commission. If you are interested, please join us at one of our meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7pm in the upstairs of Town Hall.

Please see the attached reprint of a recent article in the Berkshire Eagle regarding the Emerald Ash Borer (re-printed with permission).

**Board of Health:**

If you've been to one of the many fine Egremont food establishments lately you may have noticed new language on their menus on food allergies. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recently enacted allergen awareness regulations which are designed to help the growing number of people who suffer from food allergies.

Food allergy reactions can range from mild to life-threatening. The most common food allergies are from peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, wheat

and soy. The new regulations are designed to help restaurant and take-out food patrons make informed decisions about what is safe for them to eat and also to make restaurant staff aware of the growing public health concern. So if you suffer from food allergies be sure to ask your server about the ingredients in your meal.

The Board of Health would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our restaurants and food establishments for complying so quickly and graciously with this new regulation.

#### **Eco Tip:**

Tearing down a 1500-square foot timber-frame house to build a new one in its place wastes nearly 10,000 gal of gas, compared with reviving the old one (website: [the.greenestbuilding.org](http://the.greenestbuilding.org)).  
Solution: rehab the old house!

#### **Egremont Historical Commission:**

The Egremont Historical Commission is pleased to announce the completion of an updated Historic Walking Tour of South Egremont brochure, funded in part by a grant from the Alford-Egremont Cultural Council. The tour extends 1.5 miles and includes a brief history of downtown South Egremont and 54 historic homes on Main Street, Button Ball Lane, and Old Sheffield Road. Copies are available at the Town Hall and in the Archives Room, located on the second floor of the Library. We encourage all residents to pick up a brochure, take the tour, and learn more about our community's history. Plans are now underway for a North Egremont Walking/Driving Tour brochure, which we hope will be completed by the end of the summer. The North Egremont History Tour Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Archives Room – new members are welcome.

The Egremont Historical Commission is also hard at work on its new website, [www.egremonthistory.org](http://www.egremonthistory.org), which is made possible thanks to a grant from the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area. The website is being designed as a local history resource for residents and others interested in learning more about their historic home, ancestors, and Egremont's history.

In addition to the new history tours and web site, EHC members are also hard at work in the Archives Room, where our local history museum is getting a much needed facelift. We look forward to

welcoming you back in the late spring to see what we have done. We are also working on beginning an oral history initiative, and we will be reaching out to many of our life-long Egremont residents in the coming months to schedule interviews.

We welcome – and need – volunteers; anyone with an interest in history is welcome. We are especially hopeful that residents with a background or expertise in such areas as public history, archiving, museum science, historical architecture, and historic preservation will agree to become involved. If you are interested in learning more about our work and how you can get involved, please contact EHC Chair Maxine Lome at 528-1827.

#### **Egremont Highway Department:**

It has been a long winter with lots of snow. The Highway Department would like to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness on the roads with us and other drivers. As the winter winds down we like to remind you of melting snow that causes standing water. As well as frost heaves that cause bumpy roads. Drive Carefully. Thank you.

#### **E-RECYCLES 2011**

**Saturday, April 23  
10 AM to 2 PM**

The Egremont Green Committee invites you to join your neighbors on Earth Day weekend for our 3rd annual town-wide roadside cleanup.

On April 23, come to our booth on the green in front of Town Hall. Sign in and get a reflective safety vest and thick garbage bags. (Bring your own gloves, please.) Then go to your road, pick up trash, and bring the full bags back to our booth. We will sort the trash, separating out the recyclables.

Rewards: great giveaways, hearty cheers, and the satisfaction of being a caring citizen who takes pride in your town.

Last year, more than 100 volunteers cleaned up the accumulated roadside trash on 100% of Egremont's 44 miles of road. Some town groups and committees tackled longer roads together. A group of neighbors could do the same thing. It's FUN! Honest!

Mark your calendar today, and call Marj Wexler (528-3726) to register and to claim your favorite stretch of road (we recommend you call early!).

### **Egremont Green Committee: GOT ICE?**

It is March and even if your icicles are melting, your problems might not be over. Icicles can be caused from heated air leaking out through cracks in your roof. This reduces the durability of your roof and may lead to leaky ceilings, mold and mildew and higher energy costs. However, your home's comfort, durability and efficiency may be boosted with some smart low cost fixes that you can take advantage of now.

Recently EGC sent out a letter asking you to call us for an energy efficiency review. This is at no cost to you and can save you money now and down the road. After all, winter will come again. So why not find out what tax incentives, rebate offers and just plain lower fuel use might be available to you? Center for Ecological Technology, our local non-profit environmental organization can assist you. Call Juliette at 528 0182 X22 with questions. Or call CET at 1 866 527 7283 and ask for your Free Home Energy Audit.

And remember to check your basement for leaks as well. That ice has to go somewhere and we ask that you be especially vigilant about floods this season.schools.

### **Eagle Fund Raises More Than \$8,000 in Donations for Southern Berkshire Schools:**

Despite the fragile economy that has impacted donations worldwide, the passion and persistence of dedicated Mt. Everett High School students raised more than \$8,000 in pledges during the annual November phonathon for *the eagle fund*. *The eagle fund* offers the children of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District outstanding enrichment programming in the arts, sciences and technology outside of their normal academic curriculum.

Students from Mt. Everett Regional High School volunteered on two evenings in November to make calls for the annual event, which is one of the primary fundraisers of the year for *the eagle fund*. Board members for the fund organized calling lists for the event and supervised student callers as they contacted hundreds of residents in the five towns that comprise the Southern Berkshire district: Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield. The student volunteers are members of the school's chapter of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

The fund – an endowment managed by

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Great Barrington – makes grants each spring for enrichment programs and opportunities proposed by students, teachers and community members. Dozens of grants since the founding of *the eagle fund* in 1998 have helped pay for educational endeavors in science, mathematics, the arts and other areas, serving to augment programs in the regular school curriculum funded through the school district's budget.

The Grant Committee of *the eagle fund*, working with our sister Janet's Fund, reviewed 35 applications from students, teachers, administrators and members of the larger SBRSD community and recommended 19 grants with a total of \$30,195 in 2010. The grant making criteria were: excellence of project or service; its impact on the school community; its existing or future connection to other district offerings; and the ability of the applicant to carry out the project.

Pledges garnered by the student volunteers will be added to the fund's endowment. Earnings from the fund pay for the grants, allowing the endowment principal to grow over time and serve as an ongoing source of enrichment funding for Southern Berkshire

More information about *the eagle fund* is available at: [www.eagle-fund.net](http://www.eagle-fund.net) or at [www.sbrsd.org/pages/eagle.fund](http://www.sbrsd.org/pages/eagle.fund).

### **Eco Tip:**

Grandma's advice for keeping the thermostat set low:

- 1) Put on a sweater.
- 2) Still cold? Go outside for a few minutes, and then come back in.
- 3) Still cold? Go outside and shovel!

### **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board has been very involved the past two months with review of two applications, one a Special Permit application for a cell tower and the other a subdivision application. The board, which usually meets twice a month, has held 9 meetings/hearings since the first of the year.

**Cell Tower Application:** The board has been reviewing the application of Mariner Tower II, LLC and AT&T for a telecommunications facility at 17 Nicholson Road (Catamount). There have been several meetings with the applicants and with the public. Much

technical information has been submitted, including several maps that show which areas of town will get coverage and the anticipated signal strength in those areas. The same information has also been submitted for several alternate sites that were studied before the Catamount site was chosen. On two days at the end of January, Mariner performed a balloon test, which involved floating weather balloons at the proposed height of the tower. Mariner has submitted many photos taken from various points on public roadways in town to show the height of the proposed tower based on the balloon test. From those photos Mariner created several computer simulations that show the visual impact of the tower from some of those points. All of this information is available at the main office at Town Hall for the public to review.

In addition to reviewing all the information submitted, the board is working with Mr. Walter Cooper, telecommunications consultant, on review of technical information submitted by the applicant and with Town Counsel on proposed legal agreements with the applicant.

A Public Hearing session was held January 26 and another on February 14 at the North Egremont Firehouse, with the hearing continued to March 7, 2011, at the Town Hall. The Public is invited to the hearing to offer any input for the board to consider in its decision. When all information requested by the board and its consultant is received, the Public Hearing will be closed and the decision process will begin.

**Subdivision Application:** The Planning Board has also been reviewing a Preliminary Subdivision Plan for land of Barrett on Locust Hill Road. After changes to the plan based on public safety concerns, the modified 8 lot Preliminary Plan was approved, subject to certain conditions and to certain design standards being met at the Definitive Plan level. The town's subdivision regulations and state law allow for a Preliminary Plan to be submitted so that the applicant and board can work out certain general aspects of the plan before the detailed Definitive Plan is developed. After a Definitive Plan is submitted, abutters are notified and a Public Hearing is held before any final decision is made.

**Upcoming work:** In December 2010 the board applied to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

for a Technical Assistance Grant for work on Village and Rural District Bylaws. This grant program comes from the state through BRPC and requires no matching funds from the town. In mid-February the board was notified that its proposal had been accepted under this grant program. No further details are yet available from BRPC. The intent of this work is to develop bylaw proposals which reflect the current character of our villages and rural areas and plan for future growth which preserves that character.

The Planning Board meets regularly on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 at Town Hall, subject to change based on schedules and business before the board. Official posting of all meetings and agendas is at the Town Hall.

#### **Board meeting schedule:**

Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon and May to October the third Monday 2-4pm

or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursday 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm Wednesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm Meetings - Second & Fourth Thursday 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Tuesday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-9pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office weekdays 8am to 2pm Meetings second Thursday 4:30pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed  
To reach a board member or to leave a  
message please call the Town Hall.

### Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations  
413-528-5195

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B  
1 Prospect Lake Road  
413-528-2882  
[www.innsweetwater.com](http://www.innsweetwater.com)

The Weathervane Inn - Lodging  
413/800-528-9580

Baldwin Hill Farm B&B -  
121 Baldwin Hill Road N/S  
528-4092  
[www.baldwinhillfarm.com](http://www.baldwinhillfarm.com)

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant  
413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-  
Restaurant & Lodging  
413-528-6200

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration  
413-528-1232  
[www.howardsantiquelighting.com](http://www.howardsantiquelighting.com)

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal  
polishing  
413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects  
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)  
413-528-5383  
[www.homeasianantiques.com](http://www.homeasianantiques.com)

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern  
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural  
and decorative objects.  
413-528-0112  
[www.41mainantiques.com](http://www.41mainantiques.com)

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding  
Lessons, summer programs  
[www.bluerider.org](http://www.bluerider.org)  
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -  
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.  
413-528-2367 [arabpinto13@yahoo.com](mailto:arabpinto13@yahoo.com)

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture  
(CSA) & Farmers Markets  
413-528-8301  
[www.indianlinefarm.com](http://www.indianlinefarm.com)

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am  
to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710

G&S Gventer "Books - Buy & Sell Books  
413-528-2327

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork  
413-644-9979  
[www.CosmicResonance.com](http://www.CosmicResonance.com)

Peter Goldberg, Dipl. Ac - Acupuncture, Pain  
Management 413-528-5055

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor  
44 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-9654  
[www.healingspiritdc@yahoo.com](mailto:www.healingspiritdc@yahoo.com)

Zorn Core Fitness -  
Personal, Couples & Group Training  
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month  
cardio for Egremont residents  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-1594  
[www.zorncorefitness.com](http://www.zorncorefitness.com)  
[zornari@gmail.com](mailto:zornari@gmail.com)

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe  
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga  
46 Main Street  
413-528-0828  
[kbyoga@gmail.com](mailto:kbyoga@gmail.com)

Cory B. Loder, L.I.C.S.W. - Individual & Couple  
Counseling - Specializing in Dual Diagnosis  
9 Miller View  
413-528-0393  
1-888-528-0393

Divine Automotive - Automotive repair  
413-528-8007

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,  
liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more  
413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating  
413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household  
consignment shop  
413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail  
wood veneer sales  
413-644-9696

L and L Construction - Home repairs, additions,

new home building  
413-528-5548

“Jack of All Trades”-Handyman Services  
Jack Buckley  
413-528-1982  
413-446-1982

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing  
413-528-1262  
[www.catamountski.com](http://www.catamountski.com)

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales  
Barnbrook Realty  
413-528-4423  
[anitacentury21@aol.com](mailto:anitacentury21@aol.com)

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service  
90 Creamery Road  
413-528-3266  
[flobro@wildblue.net](mailto:flobro@wildblue.net)

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel & Accessories  
39 Main Street  
413-528-2330  
[www.kenverltd.com](http://www.kenverltd.com)

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger  
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer  
Advertising, sales promotion, direct marketing. 413-644-9700  
[helen@agencywithoutwalls.com](mailto:helen@agencywithoutwalls.com)

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall  
PC repairs - Networking - Internet  
413-528-5415  
[matt@cyber-knight.net](mailto:matt@cyber-knight.net)

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking  
Field mowing  
413-528-0102  
pager 413-261-2150

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts with nature. Eric F. Ives  
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent  
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and exclusionary work.  
413-528-9813 413-250-5094

PAPERCHASERS Barbara Fields - Organizing and Productivity Services, Project and Time Management  
413-528-2824  
[barbara@paperchasers.com](mailto:barbara@paperchasers.com)

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont  
413-528-0445 [brooksidequiltworks.com](http://brooksidequiltworks.com)

Berkshire South Regional Community Center  
15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA  
413-528-0397 [www.berkshiresouth.org](http://www.berkshiresouth.org)

Support local businesses

*There Is Magic*  
By Stanley Farnum

*The spring of life, the summer of life, the winter of life is really but one long day. To wake at morn, to sleep at night is the passing of our time in the mystery. But there are moments of splendor in the summer of our day. For moments that were really years, I had you.*

*Im just an average guy and I'm filled with wonder that I found you. Every time I saw you the world was at once a place of magic. It was summer time and the world was in love. Everywhere flowers became more beautiful, the days were sweeter and warmer and it seemed that forever was far, far away, for we were young. Oh to be young and halt the rush of time.*

*But girl dear, didn't we have a great old race, we played all of the parts in the great drama until curtain fall, and though I alone must take the final bow, I think the crow will applaud. The winter we never thought to come is here.*

*Everywhere I go a shadow follows me but it is not there when I turn to see if it is you. If only I could have said the words as they now crowd my heart. But then, I guess I know that you were well aware the whole long summer we had together needed no words, for the summer became a whole lifetime together. And so dear girl good night. When morning of an endless summer comes again I will be there to awaken you to another wonderful magic.*

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## Dear Neighbors:

Thanks to all of you for making the third annual Egremont-on-Parade such a tremendous success. How very rewarding it was to have our park full of the laughter and joy of so many children and children-at-heart.

Your attendance resulted in our ability to raise significant funds to benefit all who live in and visit our town.

The production of Egremont-on-Parade has proved to be a very time consuming, year-round endeavor, and is too difficult for our tiny committee to manage.

We need the solid commitment of many more of you! We will provide all necessary guidance and support. Whether you have skills and experience in producing and marketing events or simply have the desire to be a part of this wonderful team effort, we need to hear from you.

Your response will determine the future of Egremont-on-Parade.

Let's build a list of volunteers for 2011 that rivals the list of our 2010 supporters. We want to once again give heartfelt thanks for their participation.

Sincerely,  
2010 Egremont-on-Parade Committee

Louann Harvey  
Stephen Schoenfeld

Ellen Barnett Shaby  
Georgann Farnum  
Robin Goldberg  
Sam Gossage

Ada Johnson  
Jerry Johnson  
Carol Robins  
Tev Sumner



Dear Friends,

We are writing to let you know that Egremont-on-Parade is being planned for Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 11:00am to 4:00 pm at French Park.

A group of community volunteers and businesses are once again joining together in the planning of this summer's EOP and are counting on your support and participation.

Egremont-on-Parade is a wonderful opportunity to show off our community and come together with our families and neighbors to enjoy what we love most about being in the Berkshires and living in Egremont. We ask that you share our plans with your family, neighbors and friends throughout the Berkshires so we can ensure a great turnout.

Last year's EOP was a wonderful celebration of Egremont. We were able to raise enough money to make generous donations to the French Park Trust Fund to be used for improvements to the dog run and the children's playground. Contributions were also given to the Egremont Fire department and Police department while still leaving money for EOP 2011.

If you are interested in exhibiting, volunteering, being a sponsor or making a general contribution to this year's event, please review and return the enclosed forms.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Barnett Shaby  
PO Box 815  
Egremont, MA 01228  
ellenbshaby@gmail.com  
413 583 1128

We know that economic times are tough but we are still planning to put on the best day we can to benefit our families, friends and Berkshire county neighbors. So please consider how you can play a role and get on the Egremont-on-Parade bandwagon.

AND THANK YOU.....

Sincerely,  
The Egremont-on-Parade Planning Committee

*Ellen Barnett Shaby* *Carol Robins*  
EOP is a "green" event

AdPartner, Inc.  
Adrian & Judith Van Zon  
Ari Zorn Book camp  
Barbara Gligoff  
"Berkshires" Board  
Berkshire Bank  
Berkshire Barber  
Berkshire Property Real Estate  
Bill Turner  
Bluesberry Lane Upholstery  
Bob & Linda Warner  
Bonita Genot  
Blue Rider Stables  
Brookside Quilts  
Bud Gendee  
Catawamp Ski & Catawamp Adventure park  
Chapman Chowdah House  
Church Street Trading  
Closet Collection  
Crownmaker Jewelry  
Curves  
Cyber Knights  
David Grover, entertainment  
David Siegel  
Dob Macchaki Jewelry  
Donald Roberts  
Doug Mahlin, entertainment  
Egremont/Alford Cultural Council  
Egremont Country Club  
Egremont Fire Department  
Egremont Garden Club  
Egremont Police Department  
Elfie Six - Therapeutic Body Work  
Elizabeth Holland  
Farm Girl Farm  
41 Main Antiques

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Frank Packick, artist  
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# Coming to an ash tree near you: the Emerald Ash Borer

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In his January report to the Berkshire County League of Sportsmen, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) Western District Supervisor Andrew Madden reported that the New York Department of Environmental Conservation recently confirmed the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in eastern Ulster County (specifically Saugerties, N.Y.). This brings positive identification within 40 miles of Massachusetts. EAB is a small but destructive beetle that infests and kills all species of North American ash trees.

Trees generally die within 3 to 4 years of infestation. The beetles only travel approximately a half-mile as an adult, so it is likely that spread has been greatly exacerbated by human activities (firewood, nursery trade, etc).

"Based upon the pattern of distribution across the country, it is likely that we will see EAB in Massachusetts in the near



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future," says Madden. Mass. agencies, along with federal partners, are currently collecting data and developing strategies to address possible infestation.

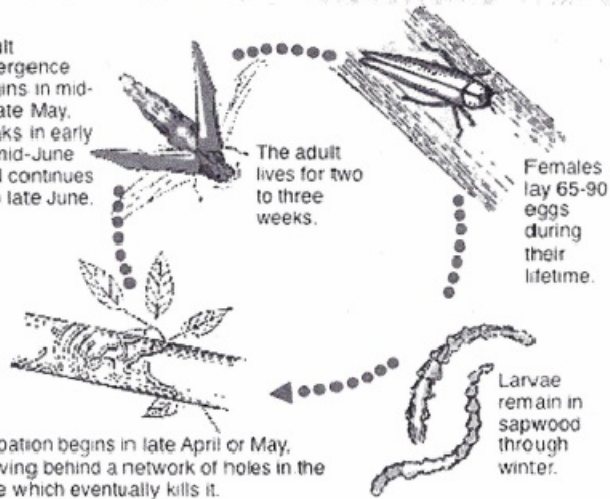
The EAB has metallic green wing covers and a coppery red or purple abdomen; it is small enough to fit easily on a penny. Damage is caused by the larvae, which feed in tunnels called galleries in the phloem just below the bark. The serpentine galleries disrupt water and nutrient transport, causing branches, and eventually the entire tree, to die. Adult bee-

ties leave distinctive D-shaped exit holes in the outer bark of the branches and the trunk.

Other signs of infection include tree canopy dieback, yellowing, extensive sprouting from the roots and trunk (called "epicormic shoots") and browning of leaves. Infested trees may also exhibit woodpecker damage from larvae extraction.

Since its discovery in southeastern Michigan in 2002, it is estimated that the EAB is responsible for the destruction of over 70 million ash trees in the U.S. The beetle has been moving steadily outward from its first discovered infestation in Detroit, and has now been found in 13 states and two neighboring Canadian provinces. For more information on the EAB, log onto [www.Emeraldashborer.info/files/E-2938.pdf](http://www.Emeraldashborer.info/files/E-2938.pdf).

Adult emergence begins in mid-to late May, peaks in early to mid-June and continues into late June.



Females lay 65-90 eggs during their lifetime.

SOURCE: USDA Forest Service

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